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2018 Oldham Results Summary

13,246 votes



Over
1 in 2
young people
voted giving a
55.5% turnout



3 Make Your Mark
Champions. Youth
Councillors who
gathered more than
1000 votes each.



21 Schools & Colleges
supported Make Your
Mark, giving their students
the opportunity to vote

Oldham's Top 5



**2,167
votes**



**1,867
votes**



**1,859
votes**



**1,772
votes**



**1,280
votes**

Top 5 Schools

📍 Crompton House 1300 votes

📍 The Oldham Academy North 971 votes

📍 North Chadderton 819 votes

📍 Oldham 6th Form 1247 votes

📍 Cooperative Failsworth 795 votes

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2013 - 2018

79,322 votes cast



TOP ISSUES

2018 Put an end to knife crime

2017 Work Experience Hubs

2016 Tackling racism

2015 Living Wage

2014 Exam resits

2013 Votes at 16

RECURRING ISSUES

8,768
votes

Curriculum for life

8,653
votes

Mental health

7,622
votes

Votes at 16

6,492
votes

Transport

2,327
votes

Support youth services



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INTRODUCTION

Every year the United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP) holds a UK-wide ballot called 'Make Your Mark', where all young people, 11 – 18, can vote on what they feel is important in their lives and what they think Members of the Youth Parliament should campaign on for the year ahead. The UK Youth Parliament is managed by the British Youth Council (BYC), a youth-led charity which aims to empower young people across the UK to have a say and be heard.

On the 9th November 2018 Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) came together, at the UKYP House of Commons sitting, to debate and decide the issues to campaign on for the year ahead. The issues debated were the top 5 issues via the 'Make your Mark' public vote.

This report details the results of 'Make Your Mark' from the Oldham borough down to a school level and includes both the regional and national results.

MAKE YOUR MARK ISSUES

As with previous years, 10 topics were shortlisted on to the ballots papers by the MYPs from the UKYP manifesto. The topics shortlisted for this year's ballot were:

- **Mental Health.** Mental health services should be improved with young people's helped; and should be available in schools.
- **End Period Poverty.** Sanitary products are an essential item. The Government and the NHS should make them free and accessible for all who need it.
- **Votes at 16.** Give 16 and 17 year olds the right to vote in all elections/referendums.
- **Put an end to Knife crime.** Too many young people's lives are lost to knife crime; the Government need to do more help end the knife crime epidemic.
- **A curriculum to prepare us for life.** Schools should cover topics like finance, sex and relationship education and politics.
- **Support Youth Services.** Youth services help young people but in recent years they have been cut. Youth services need better financial support and security.
- **Equal Pay for Equal work.** Give young people the same amount of pay, if they are doing the same work as adults in the same job.
- **Let's tackle Homelessness.** Every person should have a place to live and the opportunity to live comfortably. Let's make it happen and put a stop to homelessness.
- **Transport.** Make public transport cheaper, better and accessible for all.
- **Welcome Refugees.** Everyone deserves the right to live without fear of death and persecution so we believe that refugees should be welcomed into communities in the UK.

BALLOTING

Oldham's young people had three ways to get involved and have their say.

- Fill in an individual ballot paper, placing a cross in a box as they would in an election.
- Take part in a discussion group with a group leader, such as a teacher, then noting how many voted for each topic and completing a tally sheet to record the results.
- Fill in an online ballot form.

In Oldham the first two options were co-ordinated by Oldham Youth Council with our Youth Councillors and support staff contacting the schools and asking them to complete the tally sheets in form time or assemblies. The Youth Councillors then took the individual ballot papers to youth groups and organisations to capture those young people not educated in Oldham or whose school did not participate.

The online ballot option was managed and collected by BYC. In previous years the online ballot had not represented a high proportion of the votes, usually less than 1%, however, this year the online system was used to better engage with Oldham College. The online results for Oldham have been added to this report and represent 3.9% of the total votes.

TARGETS

Once again, for 2018, the national target was set at 1,000,000 young people to be consulted with. The North West authorities did not set a target but wanted to maintain similar numbers to 2017.

From last year's report, recommendations made to increase participation were to:

- Maintain engagement from the 21 establishments who took part this year
- Increase student participation at all schools and colleges

No target number of ballots was set.

OLDHAM RESULTS

We were able to maintain engagement with all of the schools from 2017. This year also saw Westwood High School, Darul Hadis Latifah Northwest Islamic Secondary School for Boys and Oasis Leesbrook (a new school in Oldham) take part for first time. However, even though all schools engaged, unforeseen circumstances meant that 3 of the schools that engaged at the start did not complete the ballot.

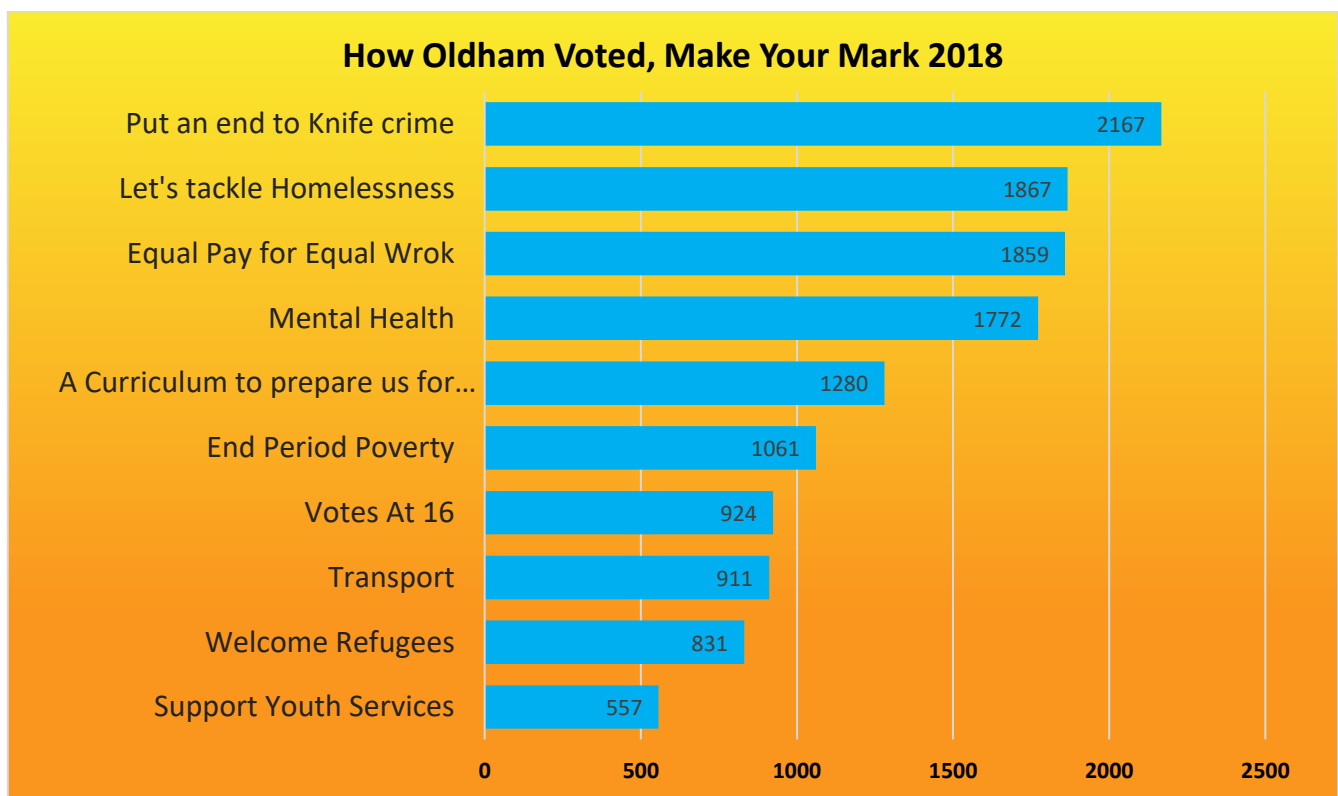
Oldham Youth Council specifically targeted the Islamic schools in Oldham as they had not engaged previously. They also worked with those schools that took part for the first time last year to maintain their engagement.

Our second recommendation was to try and increase participation in existing schools and colleges. We were able to do this in 11 of the 17 organisations who recorded results both in 2017 and 2018. Of the other school and colleges that didn't increase number, 3 of these only dropped by 20 or less ballots and, we feel, more to do with school intake than student participation as the schools are quite small. The larger establishments that also dropped only did so by approximately 50 ballots.

All this meant that the total number of young people consulted as part of 'Make Your Mark' in 2018 by Oldham Youth Council was:

13,246

This represents a 55.5% voter turnout



Oldham Youth Council had 3 Make Your Mark Champions who each gathered more than 1000 ballots. The table below shows who these young people are and their position compared to other champions across the UK.

UK Position	Name	School	Ballots
33 rd	Roshni Parmar-Hill	n/a	2,143
59 th	Isabelle Anastasiou	Crompton House CofE School	1,302
64 th	Samah Khalil	n/a	1,206

We have produced a results poster for each school to show the student body which issues came out top at their organisation. We hope that these results can be used by the staff to inform projects within school/college or PHSE/citizenship classes.

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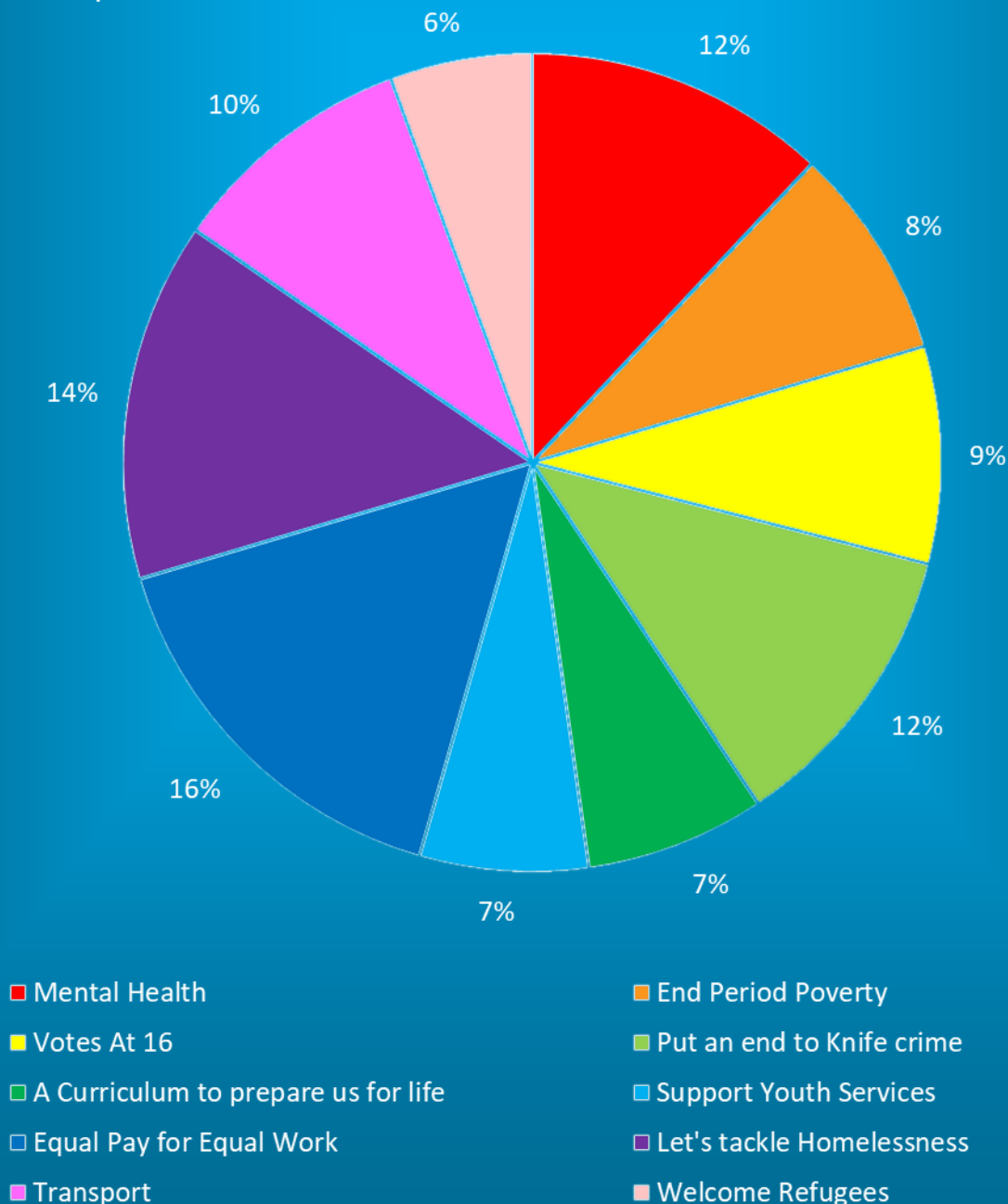


OLDHAM SCHOOLS RESULTS

The Blue Coat C of E School and 6th Form

With 676 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Equal pay for equal work
2. Let's tackle homelessness
3. Mental health
4. Put an end to knife crime
5. Transport



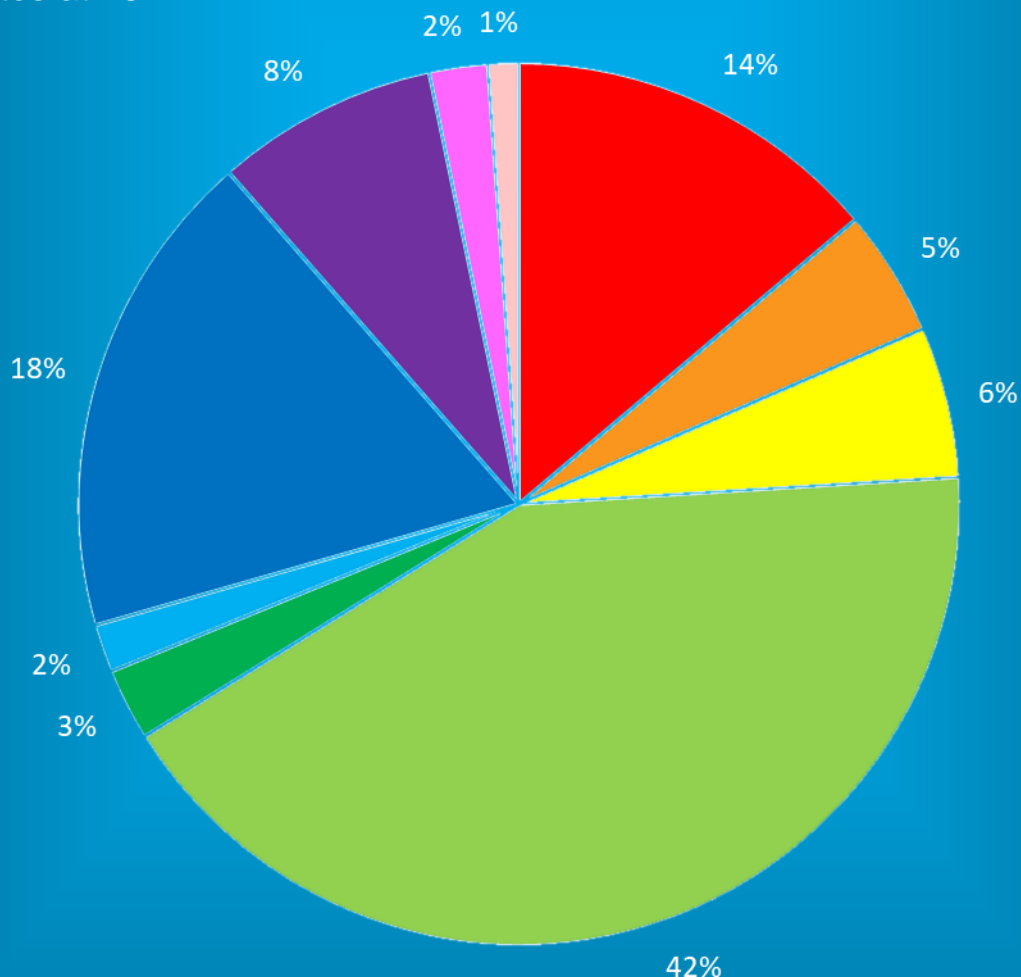


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Co-op Academy Failsworth

With 795 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Put an end to knife crime
2. Equal pay for equal work
3. Mental health
4. Let's tackle homelessness
5. Votes at 16



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| ■ Mental Health | ■ End Period Poverty |
| ■ Votes At 16 | ■ Put an end to Knife crime |
| ■ A Curriculum to prepare us for life | ■ Support Youth Services |
| ■ Equal Pay for Equal Work | ■ Let's tackle Homelessness |
| ■ Transport | ■ Welcome Refugees |

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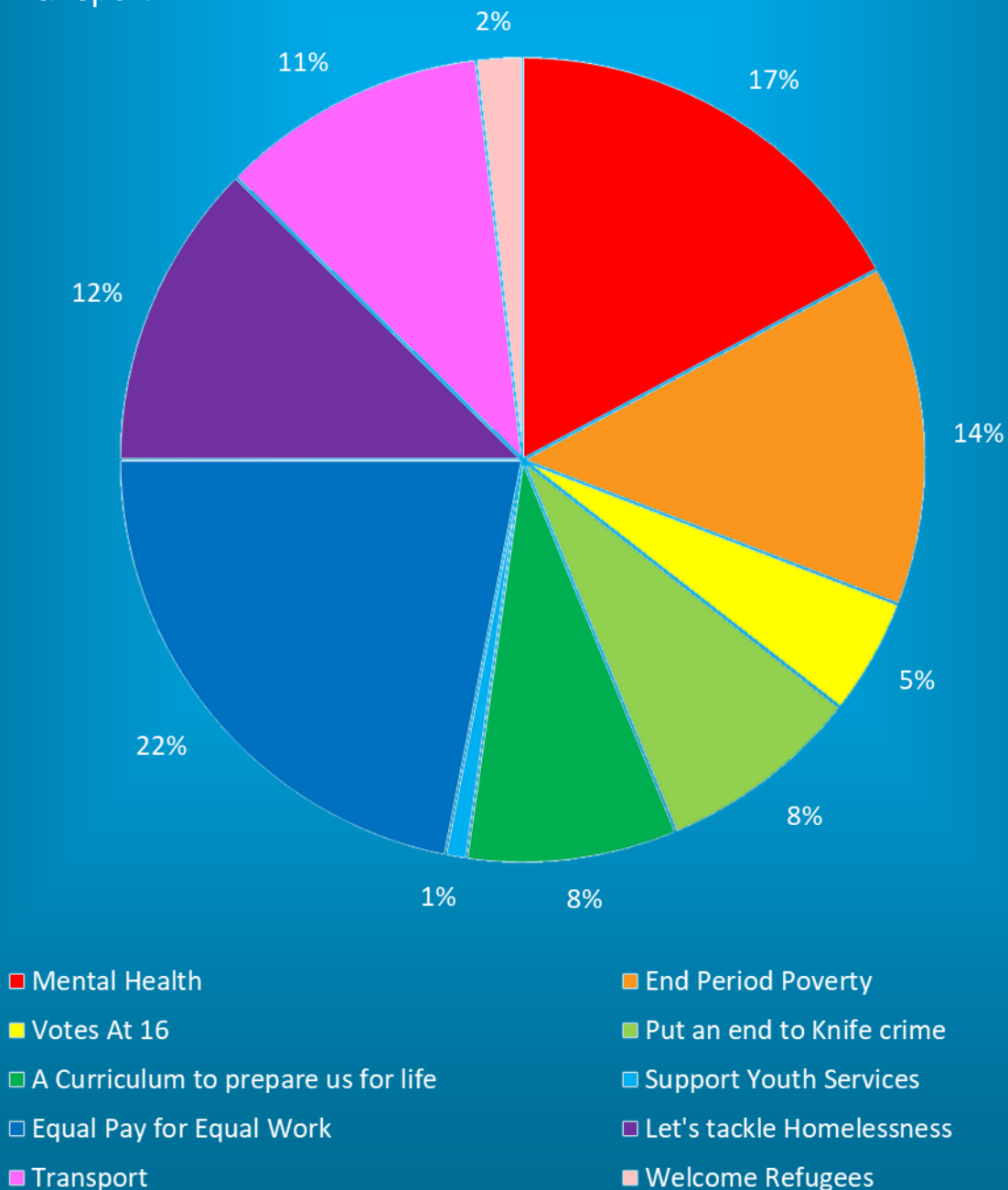


OLDHAM SCHOOLS RESULTS

Crompton House C of E School

With 1,300 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Equal pay for equal work
2. Mental health
3. End period poverty
4. Let's tackle homelessness
5. Transport



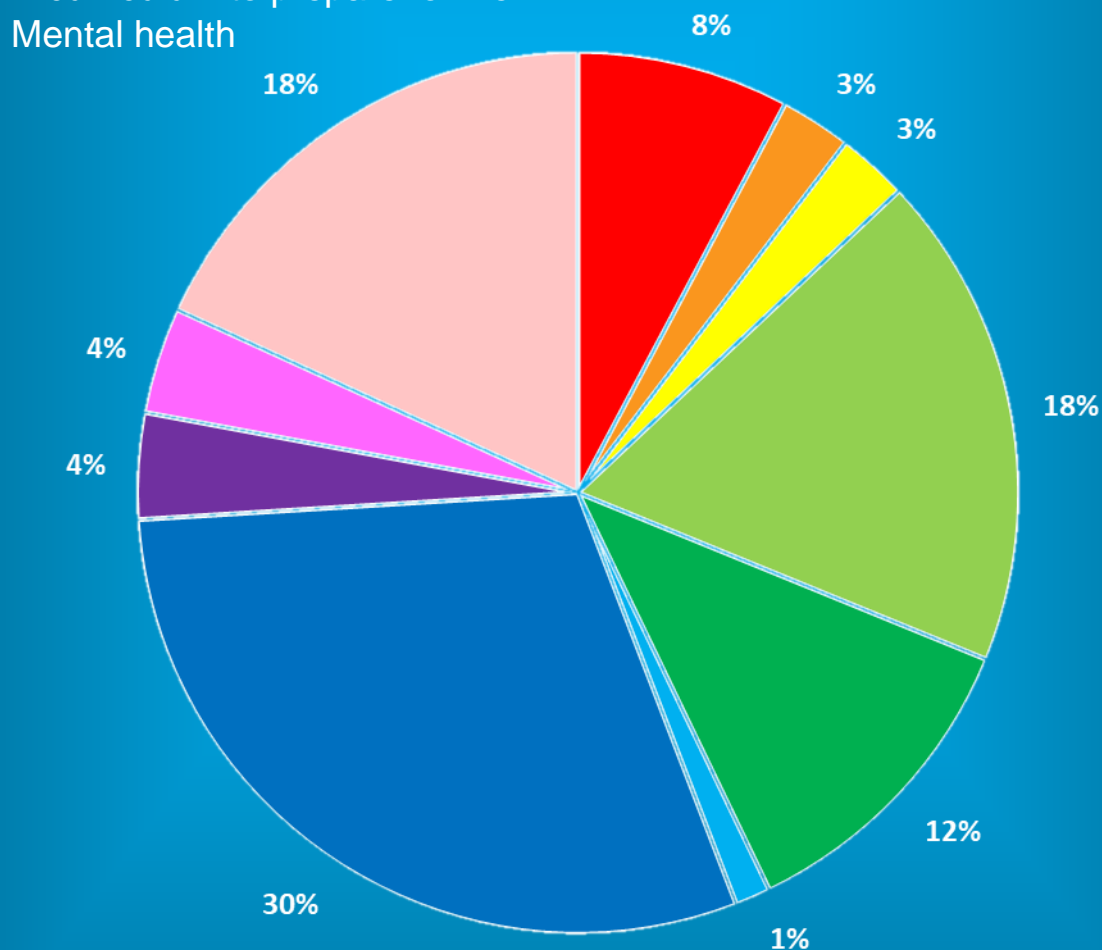


OLDHAM SCHOOLS RESULTS

Darul Hadis Latifiah Northwest Islamic Secondary School for Boys

With 77 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Equal pay for equal work
2. Put an end to knife crime
2. Welcome refugees
4. A curriculum to prepare for life
5. Mental health



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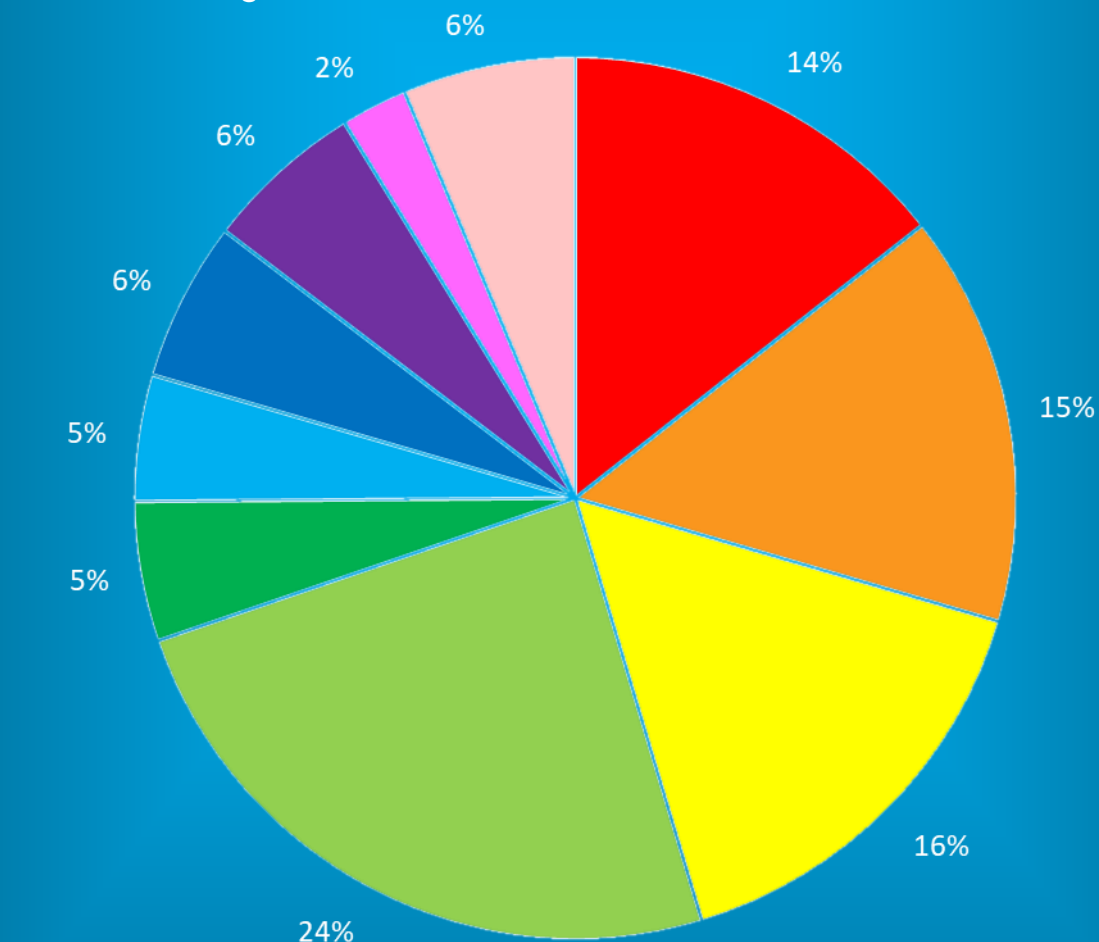


OLDHAM SCHOOLS RESULTS

The Hathershaw College

With 410 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Put an end to knife crime
2. Votes at 16
3. End period poverty
4. Mental health
5. Welcome refugees



- Mental Health
- Votes At 16
- A Curriculum to prepare us for life
- Equal Pay for Equal Work
- Transport

- End Period Poverty
- Put an end to Knife crime
- Support Youth Services
- Let's tackle Homelessness
- Welcome Refugees

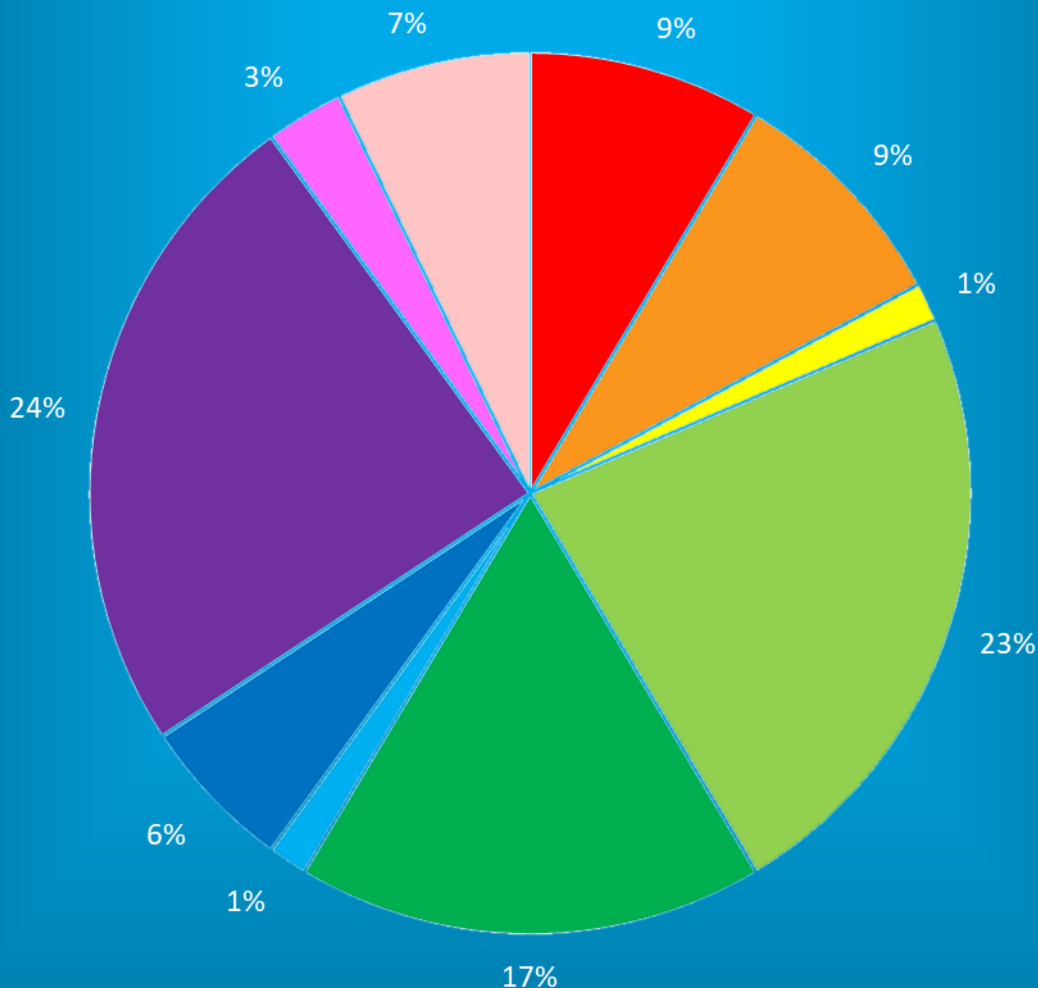


OLDHAM SCHOOLS RESULTS

Hollinwood Academy

With 70 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Let's tackle homelessness
2. Put an end to knife crime
3. A curriculum to prepare us for life
4. End period poverty
4. Mental Health



■ Mental Health

■ Votes At 16

■ A Curriculum to prepare us for life

■ Equal Pay for Equal Work

■ Transport

■ End Period Poverty

■ Put an end to Knife crime

■ Support Youth Services

■ Let's tackle Homelessness

■ Welcome Refugees

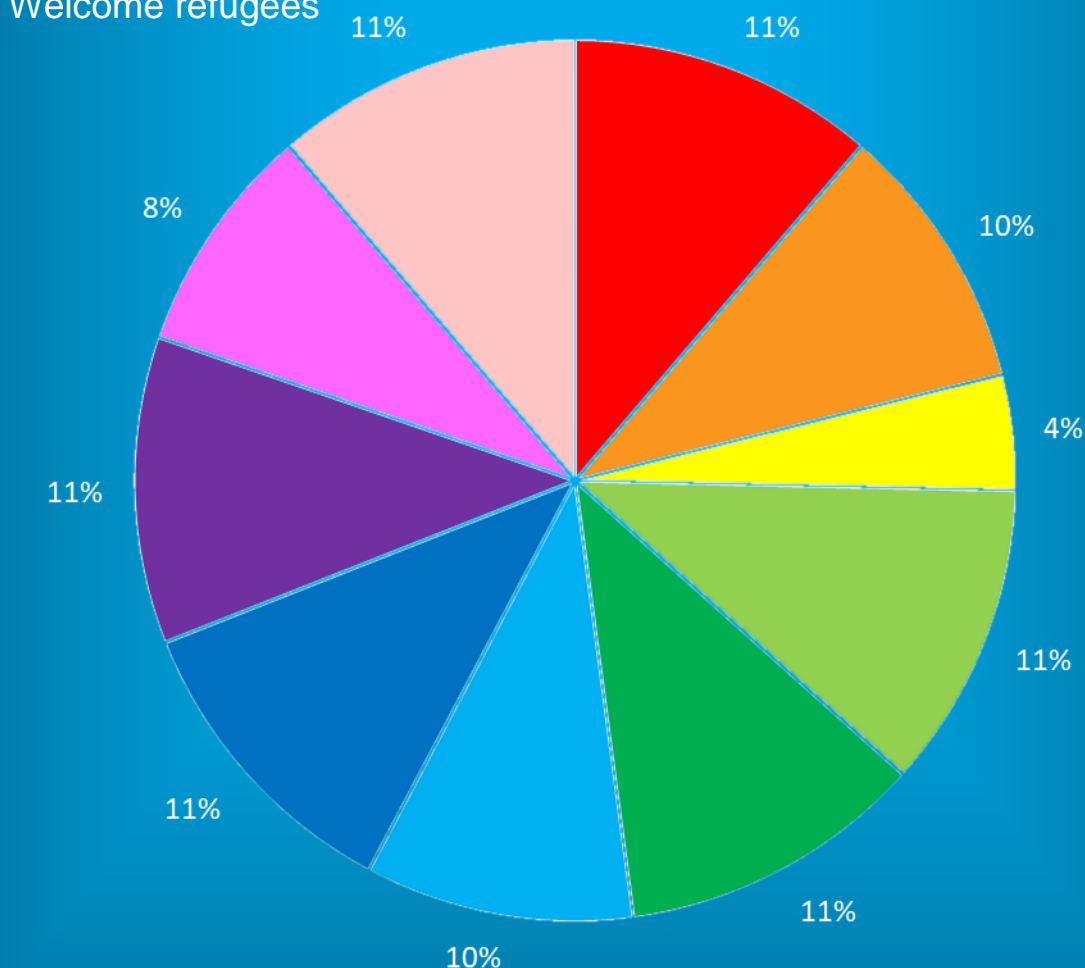


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Iqra High School

With 71 completed ballots, 6 issues all received 8 votes from students:

1. Mental health
2. Put an end to knife crime
3. A curriculum to prepare us for life
4. Equal pay for equal work
5. Let's tackle homelessness
6. Welcome refugees



■ Mental Health

■ Votes At 16

■ A Curriculum to prepare us for life

■ Equal Pay for Equal Work

■ Transport

■ End Period Poverty

■ Put an end to Knife crime

■ Support Youth Services

■ Let's tackle Homelessness

■ Welcome Refugees

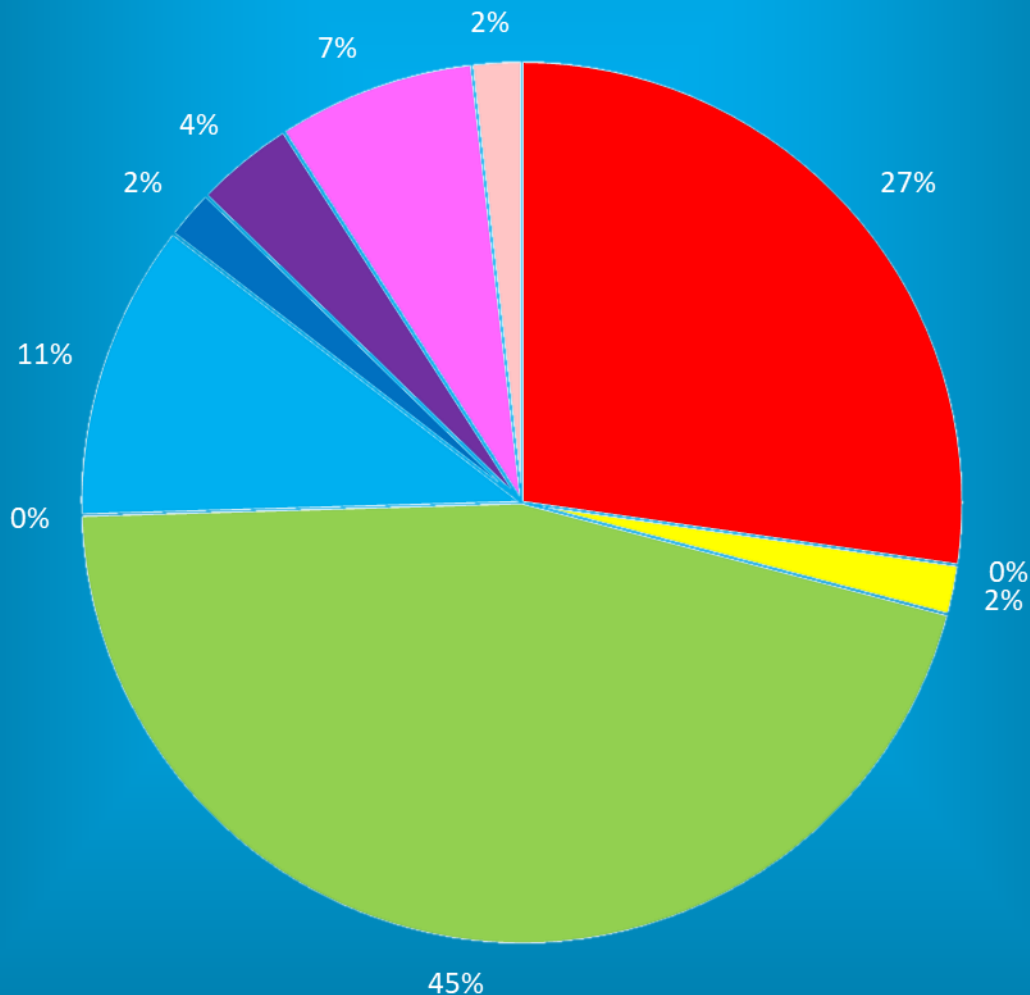


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New Bridge Learning Centre

With 55 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Put an end to knife crime
2. Mental health
3. Support youth services
4. Transport
5. Let's tackle homelessness



■ Mental Health

■ Votes At 16

■ A Curriculum to prepare us for life

■ Equal Pay for Equal Work

■ Transport

■ End Period Poverty

■ Put an end to Knife crime

■ Support Youth Services

■ Let's tackle Homelessness

■ Wellcome Refugees

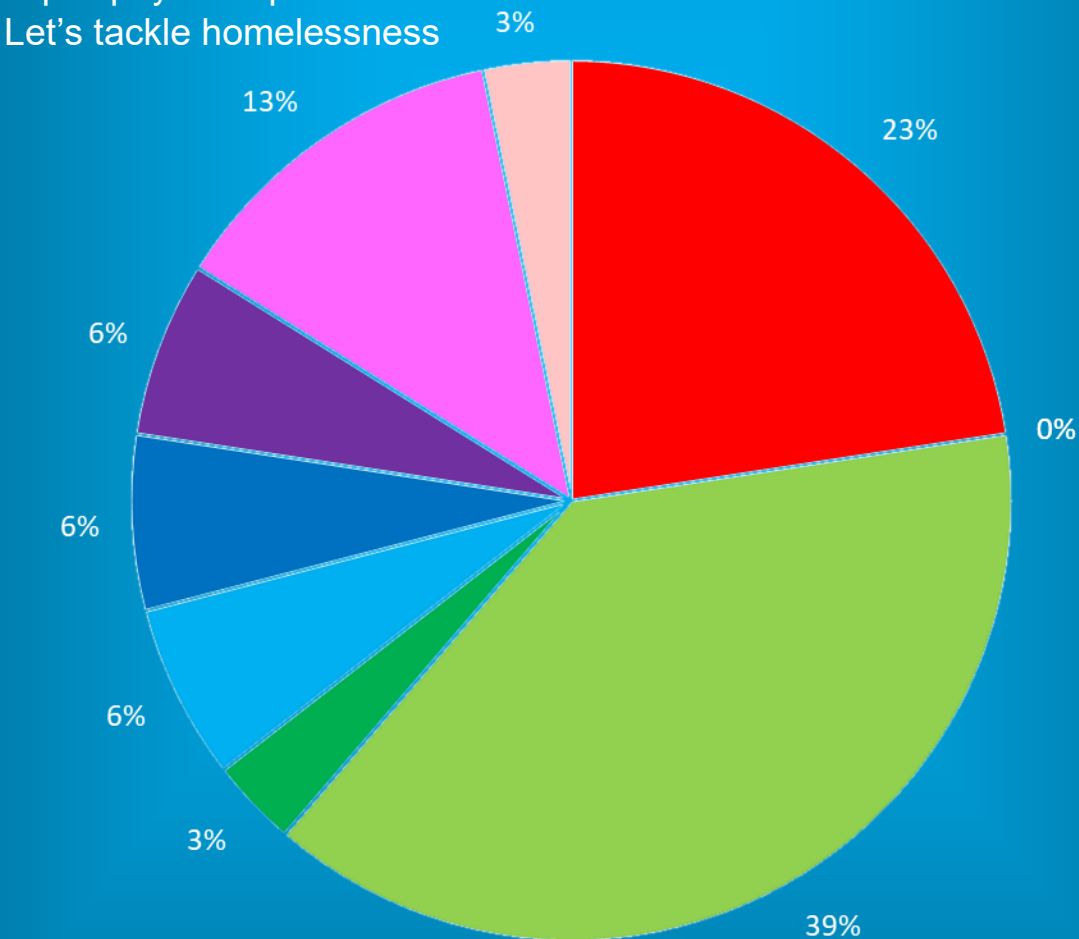


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New Bridge Horizons

With 31 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Put an end to knife crime
2. Mental health
3. Transport
4. Support youth services
4. Equal pay for equal work
4. Let's tackle homelessness



■ Mental Health

■ Votes At 16

■ A Curriculum to prepare us for life

■ Equal Pay for Equal Work

■ Transport

■ End Period Poverty

■ Put an end to Knife crime

■ Support Youth Services

■ Let's tackle Homelessness

■ Welcome Refugees

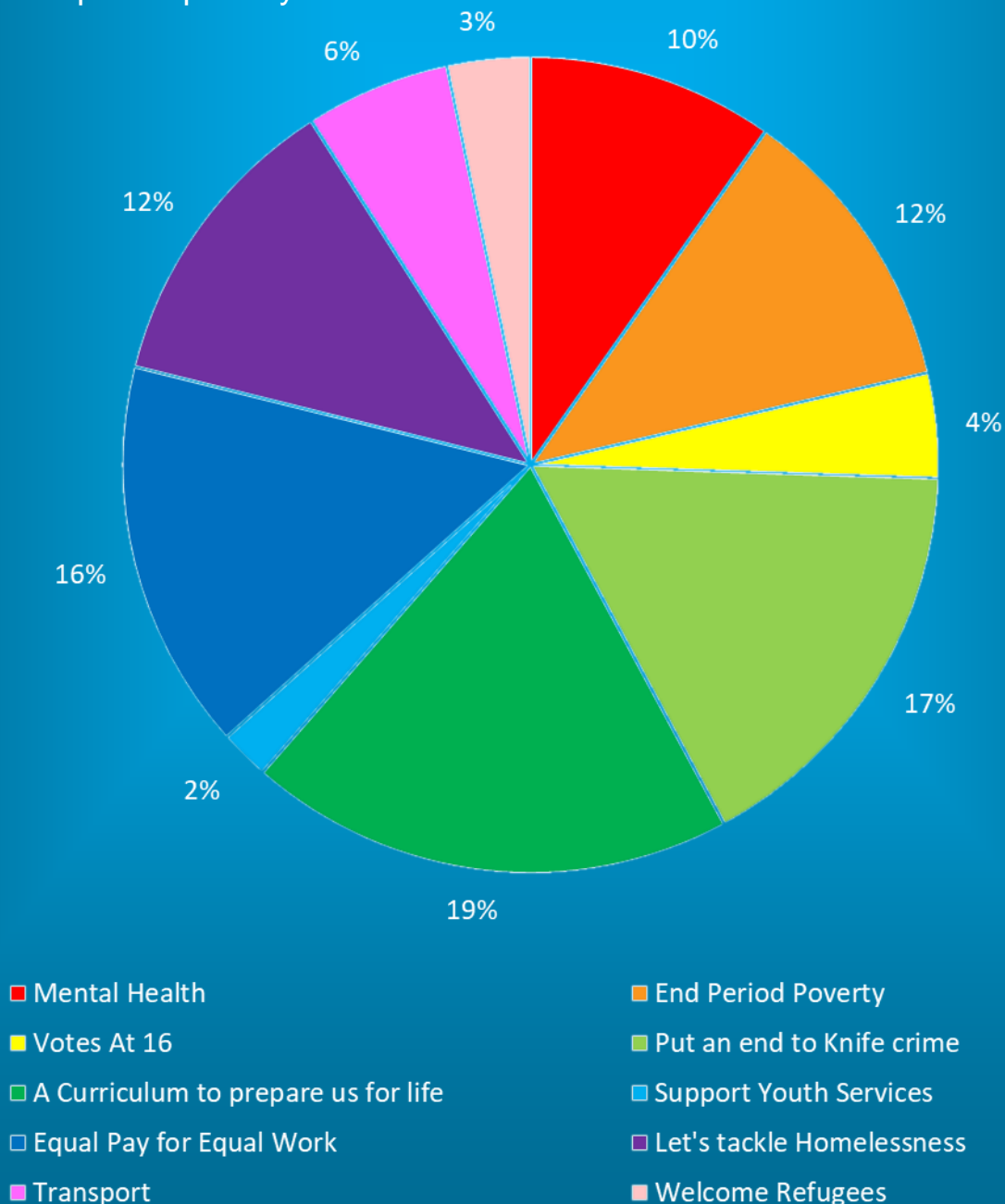


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North Chadderton School and 6th Form

With 819 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. A curriculum to prepare us for life
2. Put an end to knife crime
3. Equal pay for equal work
4. Let's tackle homelessness
5. End period poverty



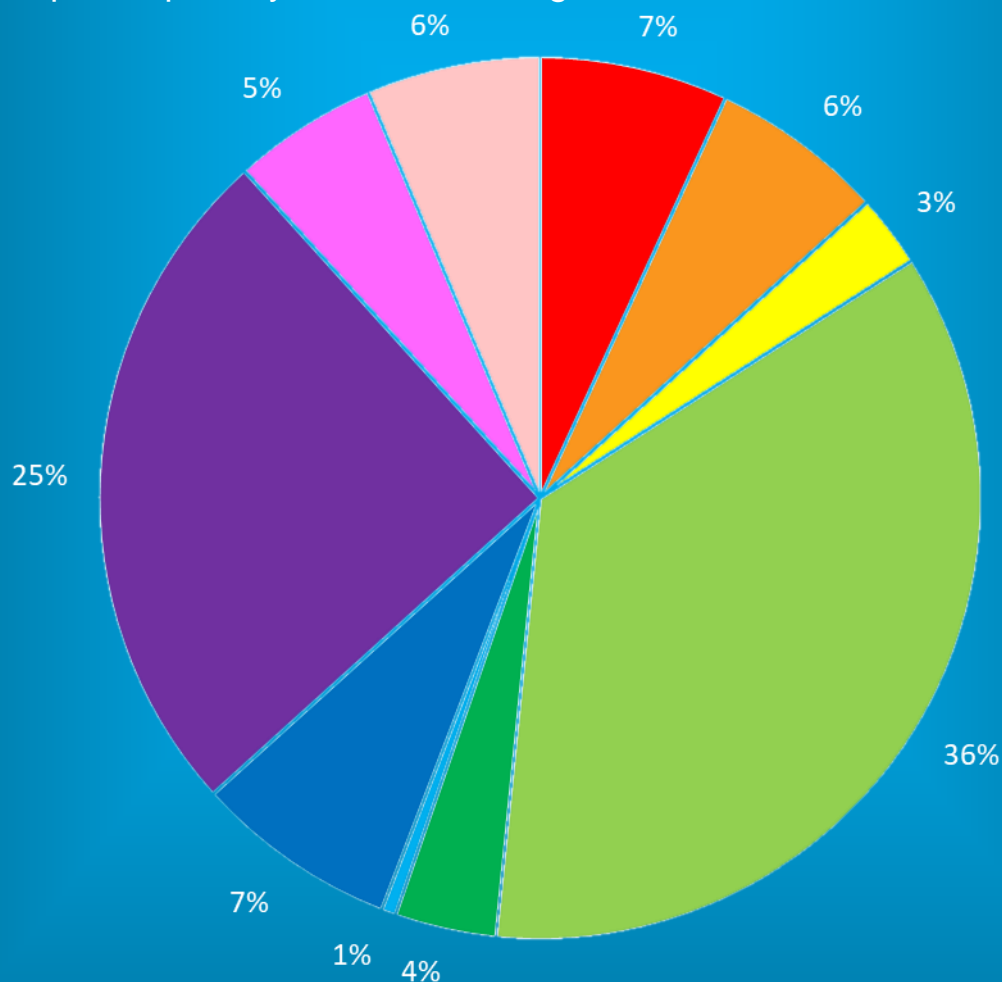


OLDHAM SCHOOLS RESULTS

Oasis Academy Leesbrook

With 188 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Put an end to knife crime
2. Let's tackle homelessness
3. Equal pay for equal work
4. Mental Health
5. End period poverty / Welcome refugees



■ Mental Health

■ Votes At 16

■ A Curriculum to prepare us for life

■ Equal Pay for Equal Work

■ Transport

■ End Period Poverty

■ Put an end to Knife crime

■ Support Youth Services

■ Let's tackle Homelessness

■ Welcome Refugees

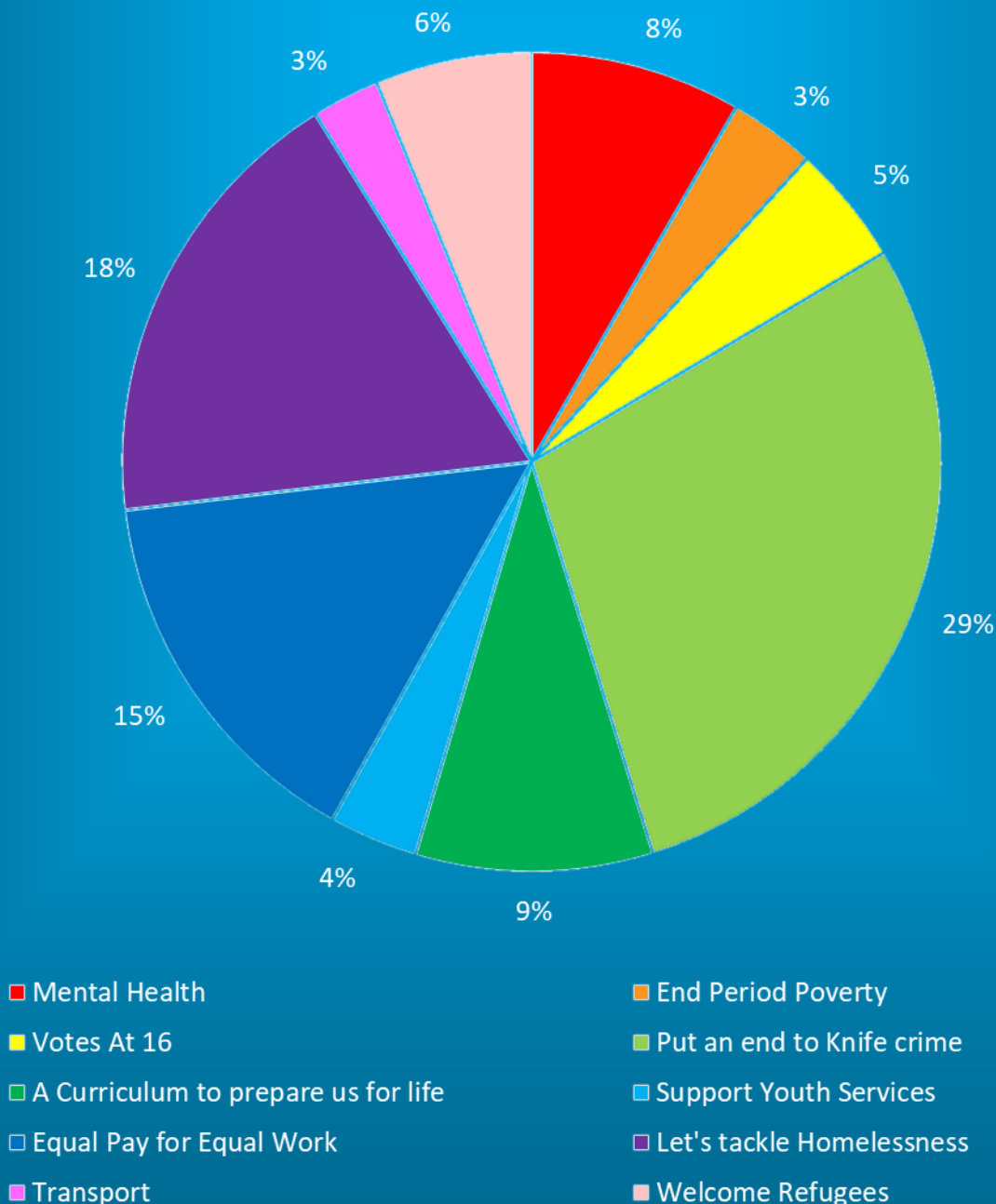


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The Oldham Academy North

With 971 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Put an end to knife crime
2. Let's tackle homelessness
3. Equal pay for equal work
4. A curriculum to prepare us for life
5. Mental health



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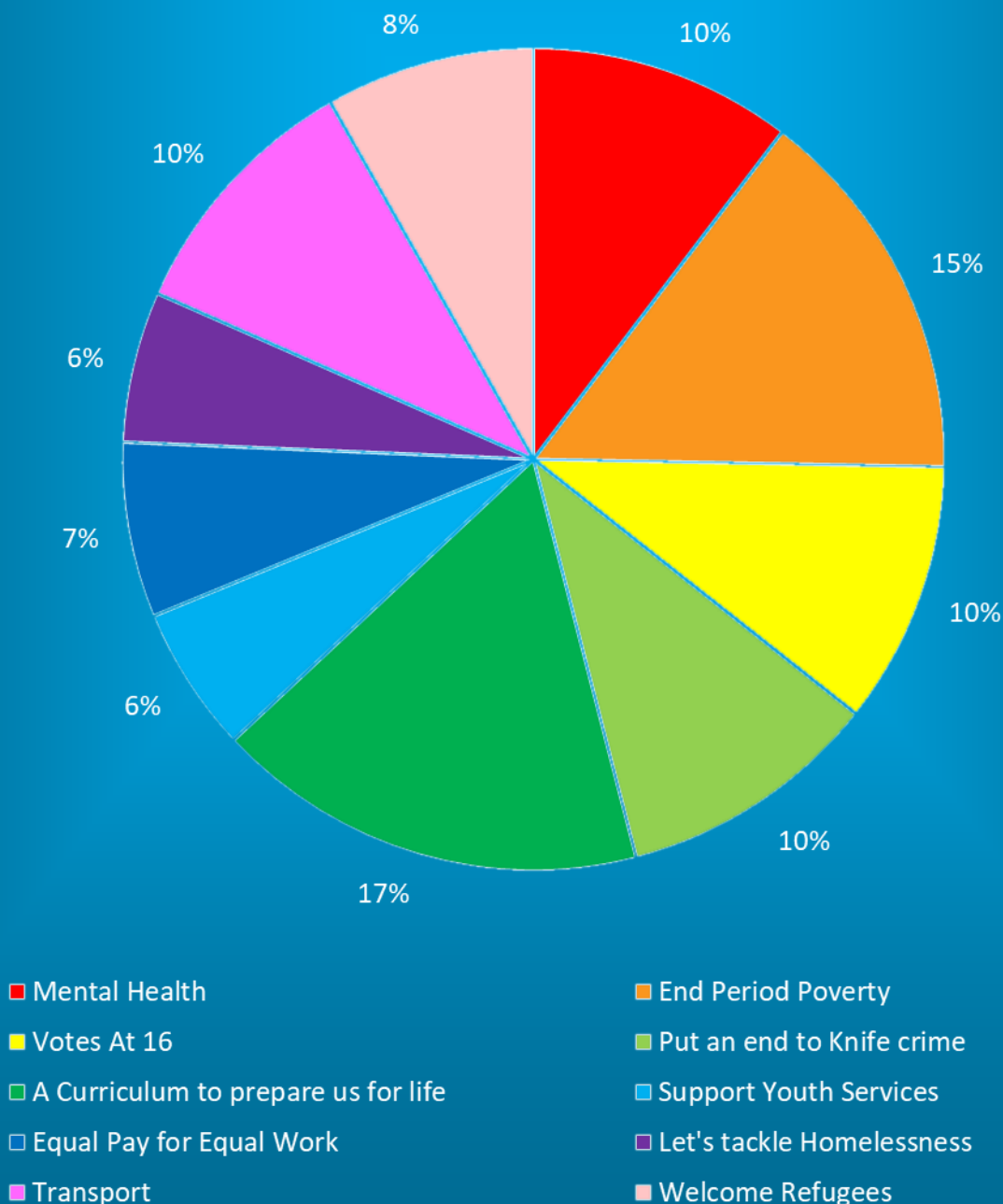


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Oldham College

With 522 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. A curriculum to prepare us for life
2. End period poverty
3. Mental health
3. Votes at 16
3. Put an end to knife crime



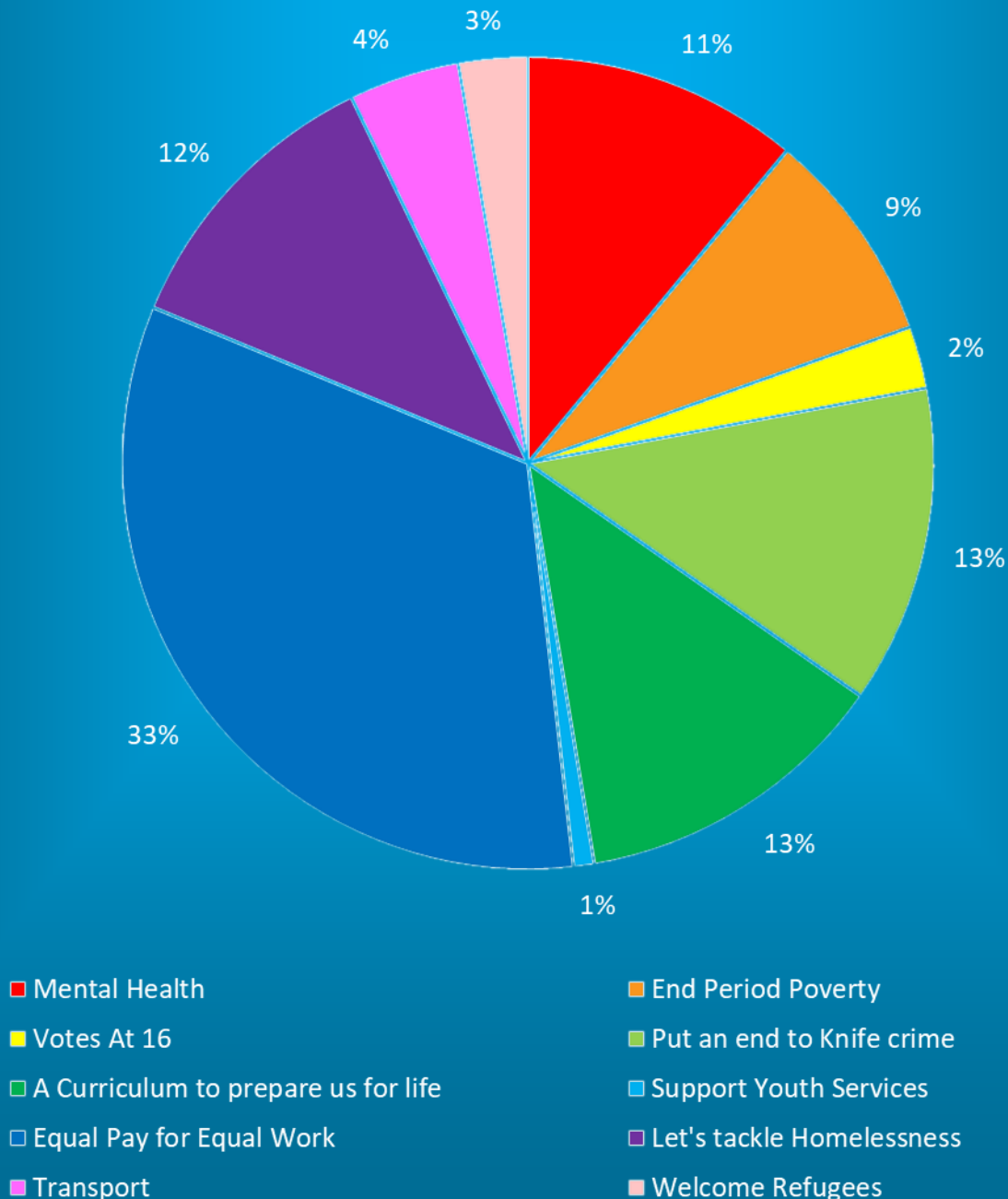


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Oldham Hulme Grammar School

With 363 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Equal pay for equal work
2. Put an end to knife crime
2. A curriculum to prepare us for life
4. Let's tackle homelessness
5. Mental health



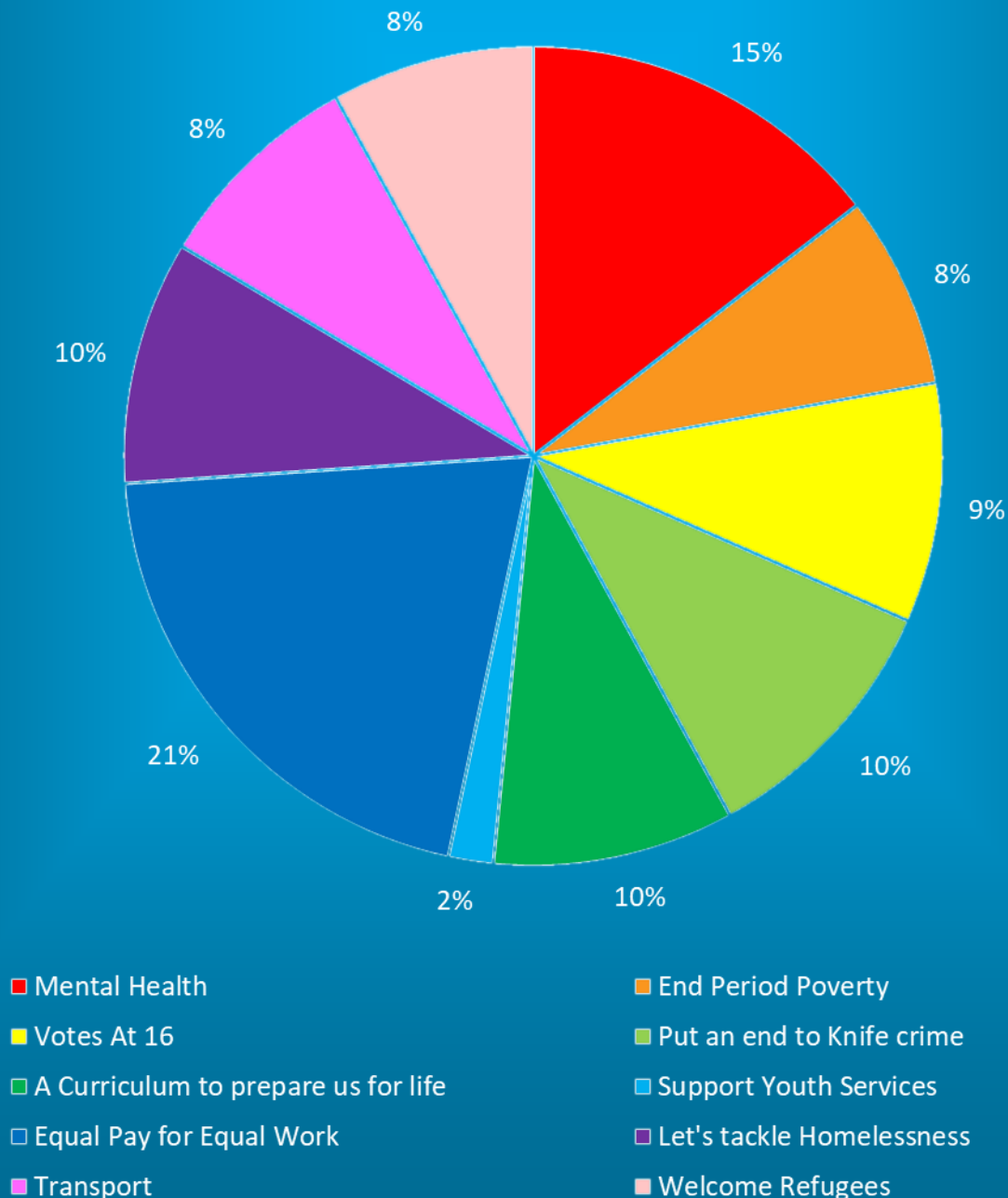


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Oldham Sixth Form College

With 1,247 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Equal pay for equal work
2. Mental health
3. Put an end to knife crime
4. Let's tackle homelessness
5. A curriculum to prepare us for life



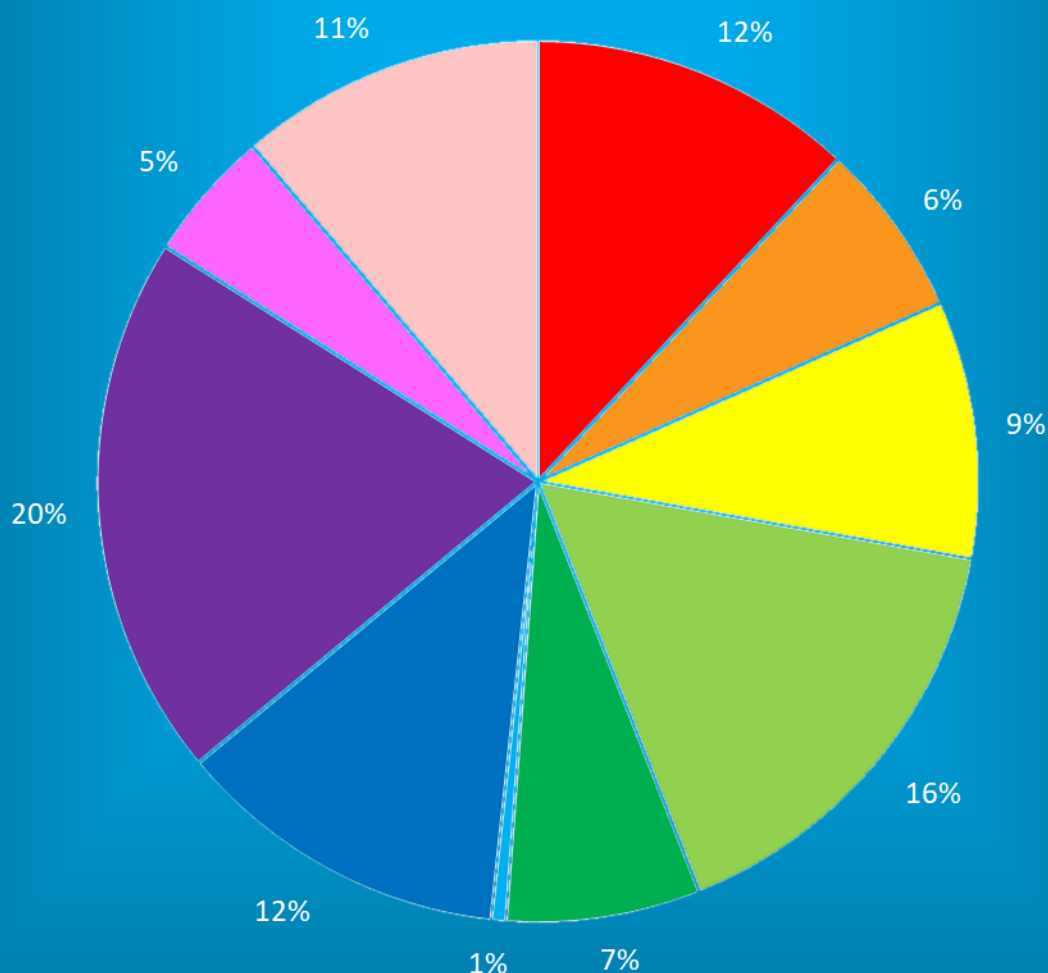


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The Radclyffe School

With 561 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Let's tackle homelessness
2. Put an end to knife crime
3. Equal pay for equal work
4. Mental health
5. Welcome refugees



■ Mental Health

■ Votes At 16

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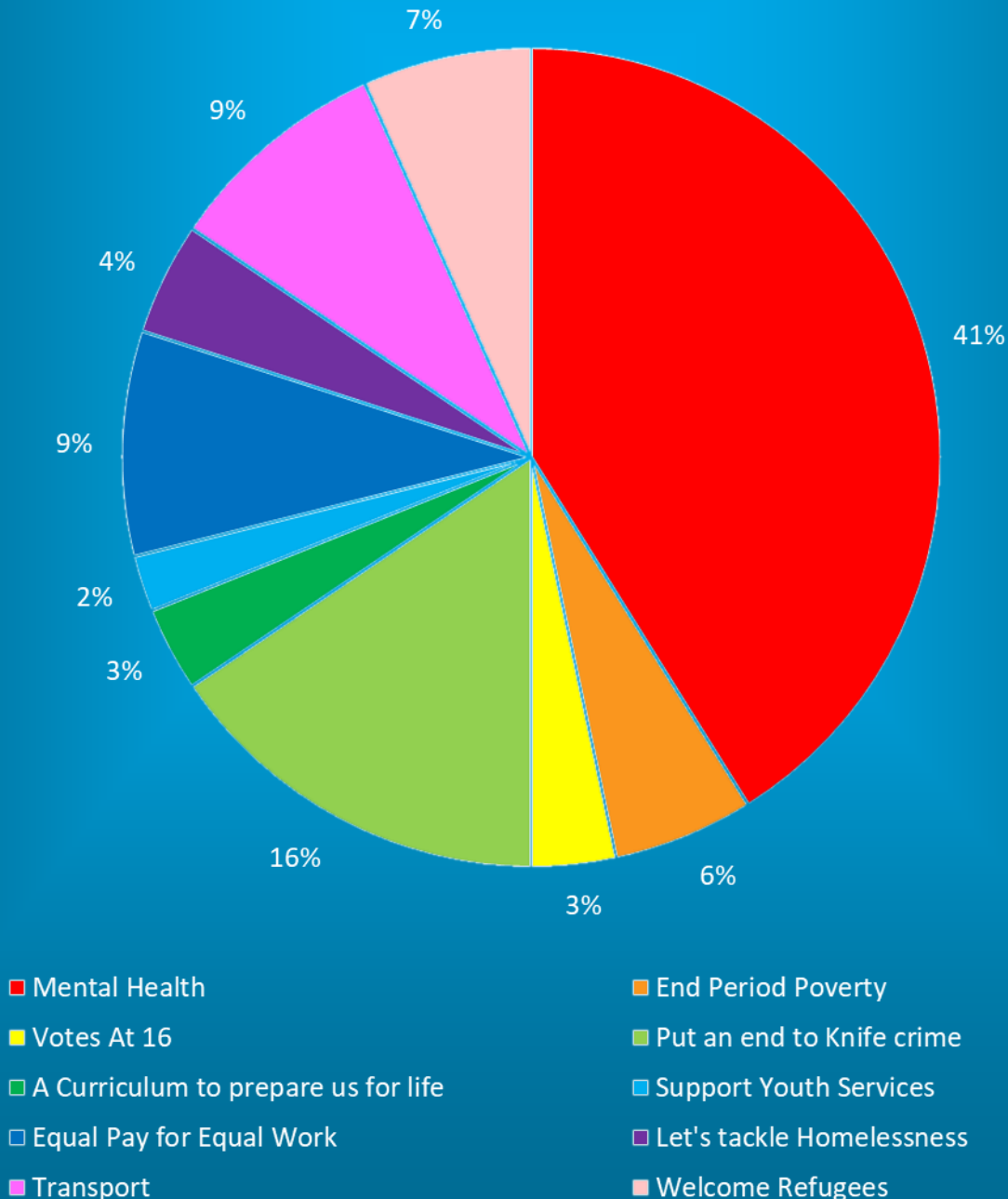


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Royton & Crompton School

With 90 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Mental health
2. Put an end to knife crime
3. Equal pay for equal work
3. Transport
5. Welcome refugees



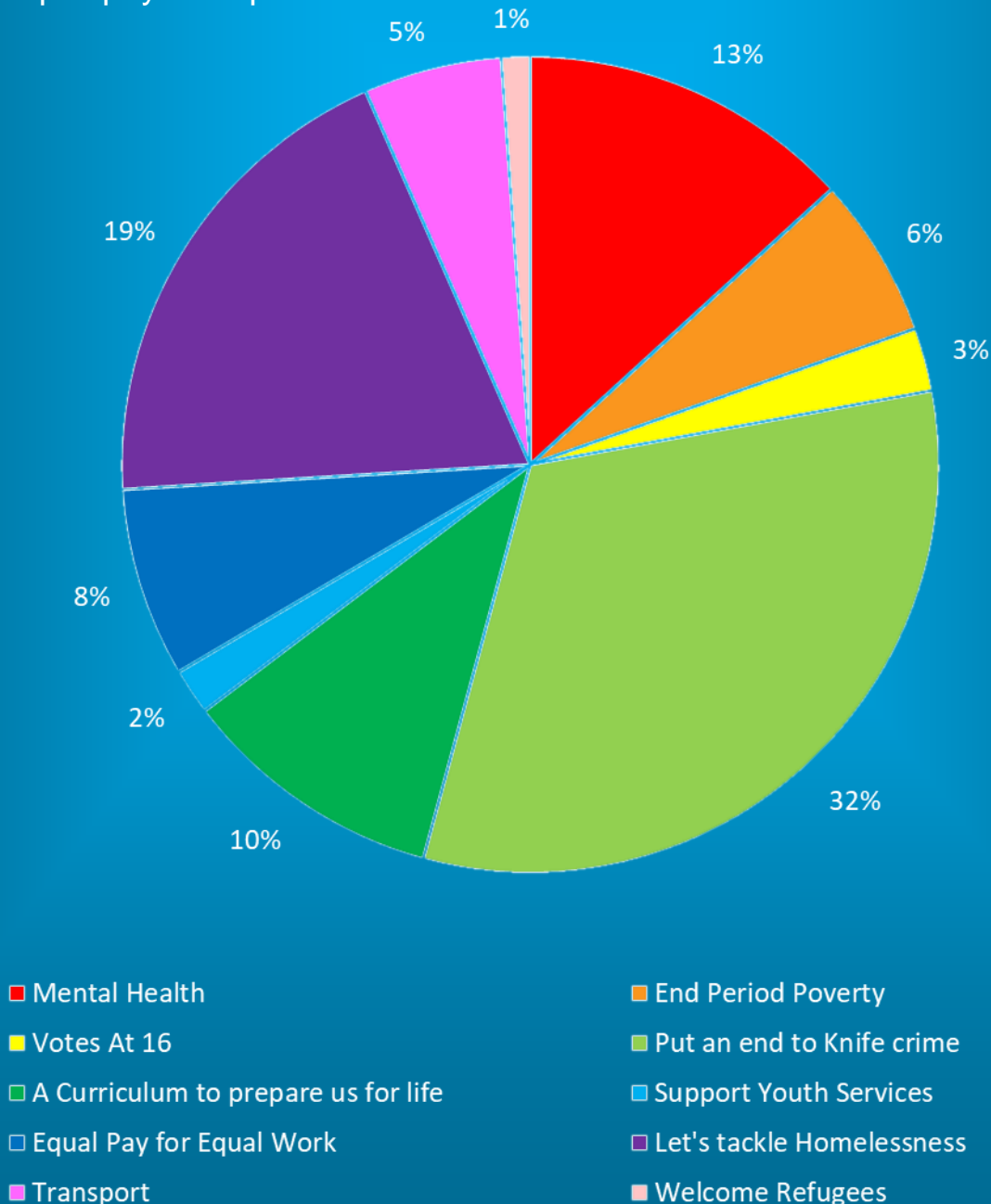


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Saddleworth School

With 439 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Put an end knife crime
2. Let's tackle homelessness
3. Mental health
4. A curriculum to prepare us for life
5. Equal pay for equal work



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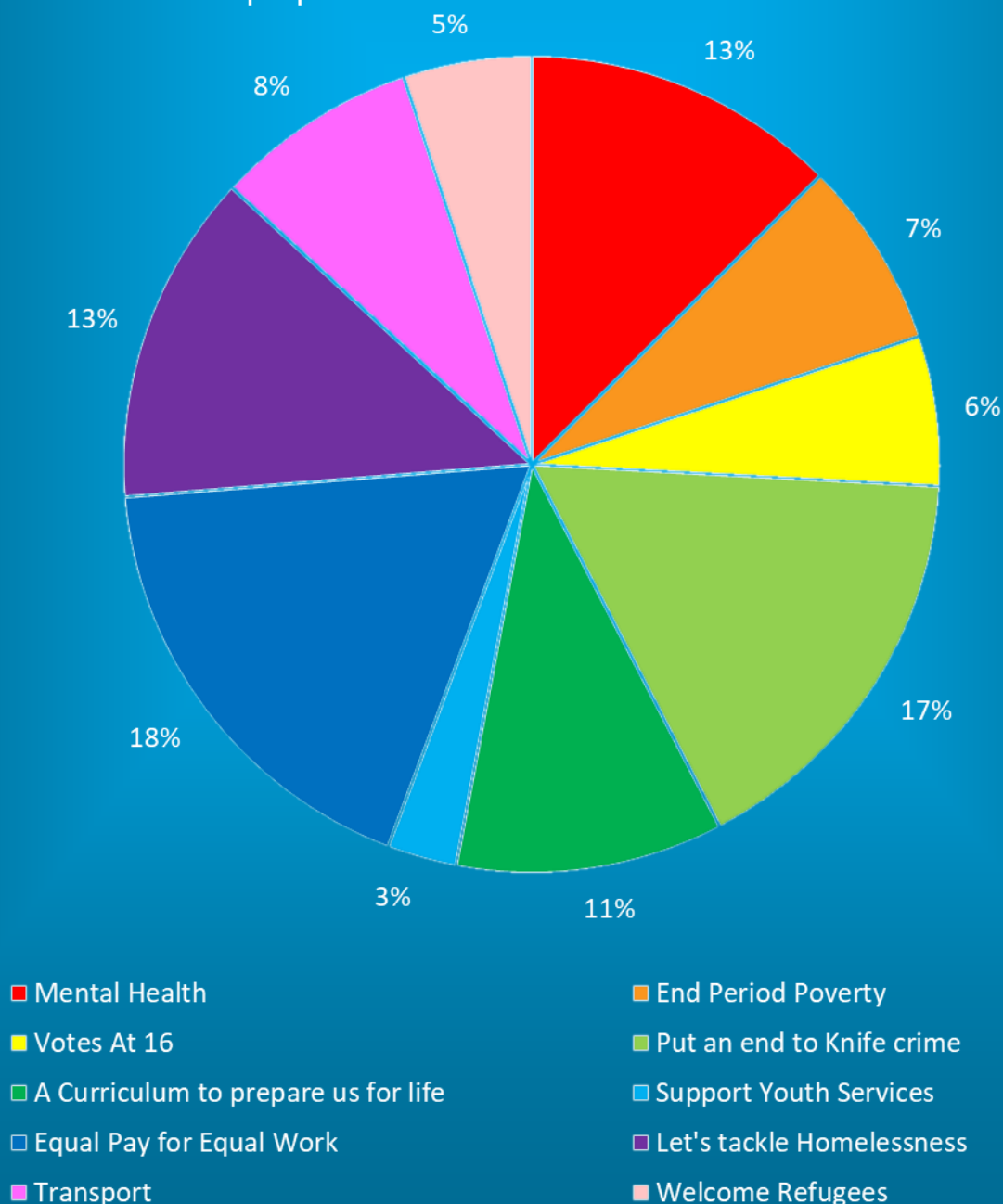


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University Campus Oldham

With 146 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Equal pay for equal work
2. Put an end to knife crime
3. Let's tackle homelessness
4. Mental health
5. A curriculum to prepare us for life



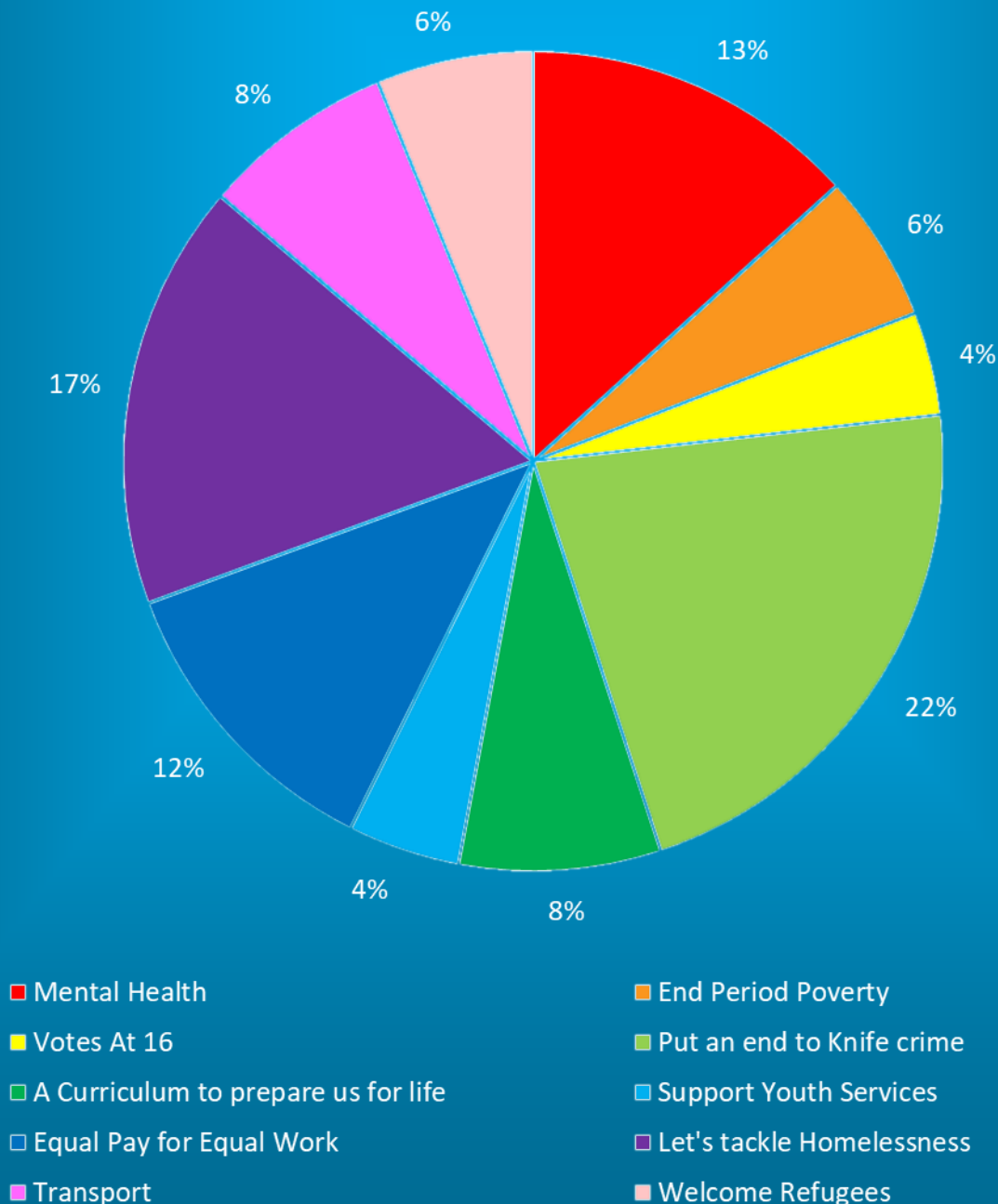


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Waterhead Academy

With 565 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Put an end to knife crime
2. Let's tackle homelessness
3. Mental health
4. Equal pay for equal work
5. A curriculum to prepare us for life



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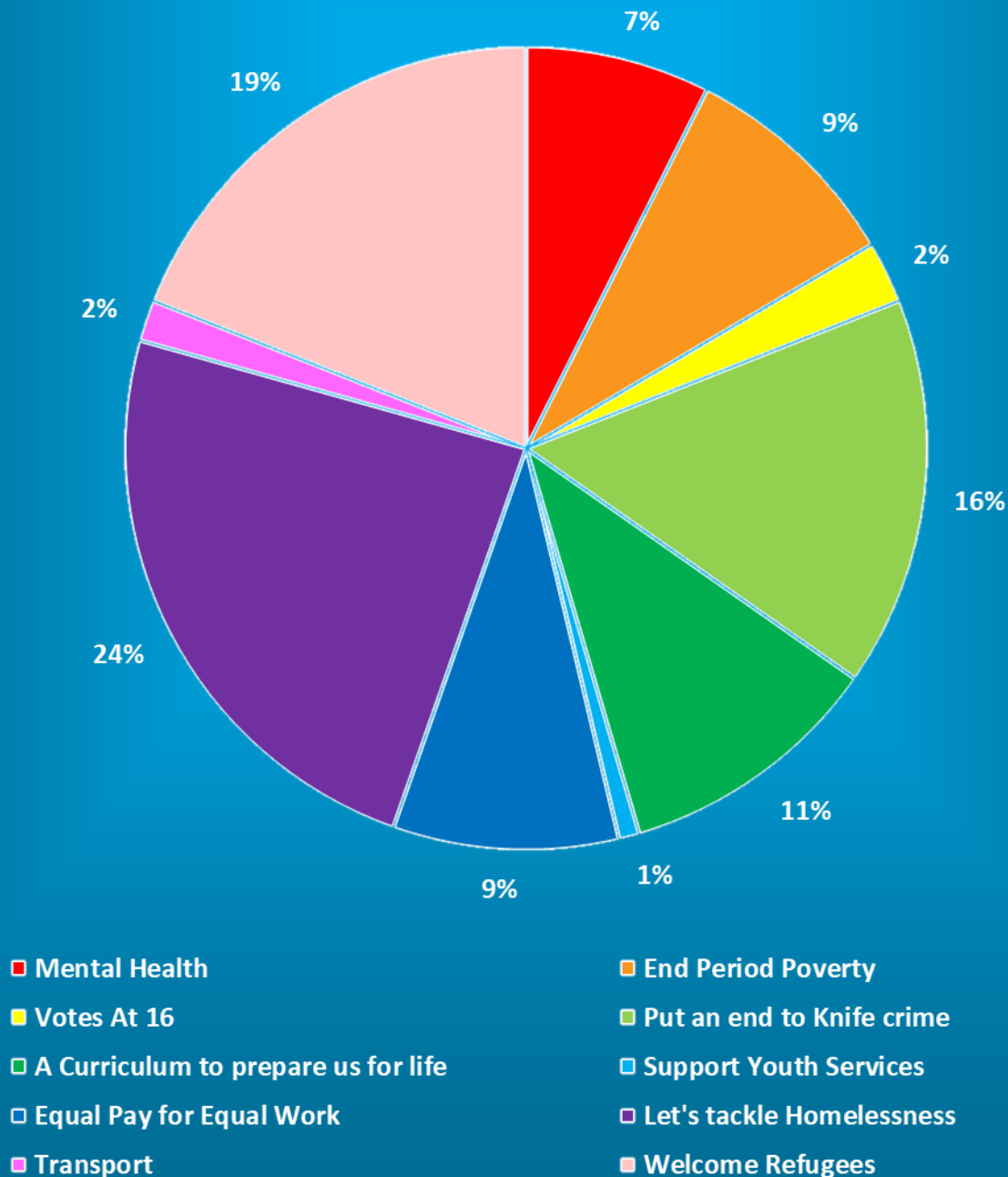


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Westwood High School

With 121 completed ballots, the top 5 issues voted for by students were:

1. Let's tackle homelessness
2. Welcome refugees
3. Put an end to knife crime
4. A curriculum to prepare us for life
5. Equal pay for equal work / End period poverty



REGIONAL RESULTS

The regional total for the North West smashed the previous best of 203,614 ballots with

235,892

This was the highest number of ballots for a region across the UK and also represents the second highest turnout across the UK regions with of 38.8% beaten by the British Forces Overseas with a turnout of 45.9% (559 votes)

The top 5 issues for the North West are:

1. Mental Health	37,559 votes
2. Put an end to knife crime	36,239 votes
3. Equal pay for Equal work	29,747 votes
4. Let's tackle homelessness	28,634 votes
5. A curriculum to prepare us for life	21,390 votes

Oldham was once again a high performer in the region gaining the 7th highest turnout from the 23 North West local authorities. Oldham also had the 6th highest number of completed ballots, again coming behind the 2 counties of Lancashire and Cumbria and the city of Manchester. We think this shows Oldham's young people want to be engaged in politics.

NATIONAL RESULTS

This year young people finally smashed the 1,000,000 ballots barrier with the number of young people consulted as part of 'Make Your Mark' in 2018 across the UK at:

1,106,788

The top 5 issues that young people have said affect them today are:

1. Put an end to knife crime	196,897 votes
2. Mental Health	181,691 votes
3. Equal pay for Equal work	128,147 votes
4. Let's tackle homelessness	120,017 votes
5. A curriculum to prepare us for life	102,331 votes

Oldham was also a high performer nationally. Our total ballots of 13,246 were the 17th highest out of the 224 Authorities nationally and our turnout of 55.5% was the 13th highest across the UK.

To download a copy of the UKYP Make Your Mark 2017 report or for more information please go to <http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark/>

HOUSE OF COMMONS SITTING

On 9th November 2018 Samah Khalil and Roshni Parmar-Hill, as Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) for Oldham, joined the other UK representatives at the House of Commons to debate the top 5 issues. Due to the devolved landscape of UK democracy, and to ensure relevant representation of the issues for all nations; the top 2 UK wide topics and the top 3 devolved topics went forward to be debated. These topics were:

1. **Put an end to knife crime** (Devolved)
2. **Mental Health** (Devolved)
3. **Equal pay for Equal work** (UK Wide)
4. **Let's tackle homelessness** (Devolved)
5. **Votes at 16** (UK Wide)

After a full day of lively debates, presided over by the Speaker of the House John Bercow, the MYPs voted on which of the issues would form their UK-wide campaign for 2019 and also choose which issue would become the devolved campaign (England only) for 2019. Official footage from the debate can be seen on BBC iPlayer until 7th December 2018, search for UK Youth Parliament debates. Our very own MYP, Roshni Parmar-Hill can be seen debating in favour of Votes at 16 and Samah Khalil, can be seen giving her speech on Vote 100.

As a result of the debate and subsequent vote, the United Kingdom Youth Parliament, UK wide campaign for 2019 will be **Votes at 16** and devolved campaign (England only) for 2019 will be **Put an end to knife crime**.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR OLDHAM YOUTH COUNCIL

Oldham Youth Council are currently looking into how they can make a difference for the young people of Oldham with regard to the top 3 issue from the Make Your Mark Ballot. Recommendations for these issues will be:

Put an end to knife crime – As this issue was voted as one of the UKYP campaigns for 2019, Oldham Youth Council will work with UKYP to try and make change nationally. However, put an end to knife crime appeared in the top five issues for all but one organization, who took part in this year's ballot, and in the top two issues for seventeen schools or colleges in Oldham. Because of this it is recommended that Oldham Youth Council will work with Schools, Colleges, Oldham Council and organisations, such as Greater Manchester Police, to see if the issue is the actual use of knives or just a perception of crime and raise awareness of the dangers and consequences of carrying bladed weapons.

Let's tackle homelessness – Before going to print with this report, Oldham Youth Council have already started work on this issue, attending the homelessness forum supported by Oldham Council. From here they have been able to make contact with a project called Real Change that supports those rough sleeping as well as those at risk of becoming homeless. The Youth Council have agreed they would like to be involved with this project on three levels: As a partner organisation steering the direction of the new initiative; As a supporter

helping with fund raising initiatives; and, as panel members helping to distribute funds to those in need. As 17 schools and colleges chose this issue in their top 5s, it is recommended that Oldham Youth Council, in their role as supporter of Real Change, take the issue back to the organisations asking them to fund raise.

Equal pay for Equal work – The recommendation for this issue would be to work closely with Oldham Council and in particular Get Oldham Working. Oldham Council is already a National Living Wage employer and is looking to raise the minimum to £9 per hour next year. Oldham Youth Council will work with Get Oldham Working to see what can be done for employment outside of the Council and shall also lobby national Government.

With the Youth Council's priority of Mental Health, set for the term of office 2018-19, they will continue to complete their work around this area, including the 'Standard Day' training for professionals and looking at intergenerational work around the 5 ways to wellbeing. Also, as part of the Greater Manchester Youth Combined Authority, they will also be working on creating a Curriculum for life for Greater Manchester. This will mean all of the top 5 issues in the Oldham ballot will be worked on over the next year.

2019 BALLOT

Once again Oldham Youth Council are immensely proud of their Make Your Mark results. 2018 saw a slight dip in the number of ballots achieved in Oldham but will still be difficult to match next year. However, to try and better this year's results we will not set a numerical target for 2018 but rather try to increase participation in organisations that take part.

The targets for 2019 will be to:

- Maintain engagement and run ballots with the 21 establishments who were able to run the ballot in 2018
- Work with the 3 establishments to make sure that the issues that prevented them running the ballot this year do not prevent us running the ballot in 2019
- Increase student participation at all schools and colleges

Reflecting back on this year's results on how schools engaged we will make the following recommendations for Make Your Mark 2018.

1. Continue to develop a network of 'democracy' contacts throughout the schools and colleges.
2. Use social media such as twitter and Instagram to engage schools earlier and increase the amount of time they participate in Make Your Mark.
3. In 2018, we were able to use the online votes to good use in Oldham College. This should be used again next year but with more time to prepare should allow more engagement.
4. To help those schools who have issues in running the ballots Oldham Youth Council will develop ways of delivering Make Your Mark to large groups such as assemblies capturing whole year groups in one go

THANK YOU

Oldham Youth Council would officially like to thank all organisations for getting involved and helping their pupils to have a voice, not only on what happens in Oldham but also the UK. Once again the schools and colleges of Oldham have shown that their students' voice is valued and important to them. We would also like to thank the teaching staff that took time to coordinate the ballots in school and do everything in the power to make sure everyone had an equal chance of participating in this year's ballot.

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